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SUBJ: CONSTRUCTION AT CDIS: RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS FOR INCIRLIK

REF: CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN MSG DATD 240931Z JAN 74 (NOTAL)

1. MSA COUNSELOR BOEHM CALLED ON ASST DIRGEN INT'L SECURITY AFFAIRS, ASULA, AT LATTER'S REQUEST FEB 22, TO DISCUSS U.S. PROPOSAL INSTALL FIVE RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS AT INCIRLIK CDI TO ALLOW ADDITION OF 11TH AND 12 TH GRADES TO HIGH SCHOOL. THIS WOULD ALLOW CLOSING KARAMURSEL CDI HIGH SCHOOL BOARDING FACILITY. WE HAD EXPECTED QUESTIONS ABOUT LATER REMOVAL OF RELOCATABLE STRUCTURES FROM TURKEY OR USE OF THIRD COUNTRY SPECIALISTS FOR STRUCTURE ASSEMBLY. PROBLEMS RAISED BY MFA, HOWEVER, FAR BROADER IN SCOPE.

2. ASULA, CITING PROBLEMS WITH TURKISH LAW AND SENSITIVITIES

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IN REGARD TO FOREIGN SCHOOL SYSTEMS IN TURKEY, ATTEMPTED TO

DISSUADE U.S. FROM PURSUING PROPOSAL AND CLAIMED IT WOULD BE BETTER TO LEAVE SCHOOL AS IS RATHER THAN ATTRACT ATTENTION TO ISSUE. MFA UNDERSTOOD U.S. PROBLEM AND WAS SYMPATHETIC, BUT TGS AND MINE EDUCATION WERE NOT.

3. MSA COUNSELOR POINTED OUT THAT U.S. HAD BEEN ROUTINELY SUBMITTING PROJECTS INVOLVING DOD SCHOOLS IN TURKEY TO GOT FOR NOTIFICATION OR APPROVAL WITHOUT BASIC ISSUE OF SCHOOLS' EXISTENCE IN TURKEY BEING QUESTIONED. RELOCATABLE CLASSROOM PROJECT URGENT AND IMPORTANT AND IN INTEREST TURKEY AS WELL AS U.S. SINCE IT WOULD ALLOW CLOSING OF ALWAYS POTENTIALLY TROUBLE-SOME BOARDING FACILITY AND WOULD CREATE BETTER MORALE AT INCIRLIK THROUGH MORE STABLE FAMILY SITUATIONS THERE WITH HIGH SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN AT POST. ALSO, MORE OFFICERS AND NCOS WOULD ELECT TO SERVE AT INCIRLIK AND FOR LONGER TOURS OF DUTY IF THERE WERE A HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR CHILDREN AT THE CDI. IF THE RIGHT OF U.S. TO OPERATE SCHOOLS IN TURKEY AS PART OF SUPPORT TO SENDING STATE FORCE UNDER TERMS OF NATO/SOFA HAD BECOME ISSUE WITHIN GOT, THEN IT WOULD BE BETTER TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THAT ISSUE NOW. U.S. DID NOT CONSIDER ADDITION OF CLASSROOMS AT INCIRLIK CDI A PROJECT REQUIRING GOT APPROVAL PER SE AS NO CHANGE IN CDI NATURE, PURPOSE OR ACTIVITIES INVOLVED. GOT CONCURRENCE HAD BEEN SOUGHT ONLY FOR SPECIAL ASPECTS OF PROJECT --USE OF RELOCATABLE STRUCTURES TO BE LATER REMOVED FROM TURKEY AND USE OF TEAM OF THIRD COUNTRY SPECIALISTS TO ASSEMBLE STRUCTURES.

4. ASULA CONTINUED ATTEMPTS TO DISSUADE U.S. FROM MAKING "MISTAKE" BY PURSUING PROJECT, BUT FINALLY AGREED TO PROCESS IT AT U.S. INSISTENCE. HE WARNED THAT, AT VERY LEAST, THERE WOULD BE DELAYS WHILE ISSUE OF DOD SCHOOLS IN TURKEY WERE CONSIDERED.

5. COMMENT: MFA WARNING ABOUT DELAY SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. WE MAY WELL HAVE TO WAIT BEYOND MARCH 15, 1974 DEADLINE ENVISAGED BY USAF FOR SHIPPING RELOCATABLE CLASSROOMS TO TURKEY. WE MUST ALSO NOW CONSIDER DEFINITE POSSIBILITY OF GOT TURN DOWN ON PROJECT. WORKING LEVELS IN MFA, TGS AND OTHER MINISTRIES APPEAR TO HAVE TAKEN TO HEART NEW GOVERNMENT'S STATED POLICY TO CONTROL OR SUPERVISE CDIS

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AND BY EXTENSION, ALL U.S. MILITARY OPERATIONS IN TURKEY. RELATED TO THIS ARE TURKISH EFFORTS TO MAKE U.S. OPERATIONS OBEY TURKISH LAW, RAHER THAN MERELY TAKE ACCOUNT OF HOST COUNTRY LAW AS PROVIDED FOR IN NATO/SOFA. RECENTLY WE HAVE RECEIVED REMINDERS FROM MFA AND TGS OFFICERS THAT VARIOUS U.S. OPERATIONS SUCH AS APO AND AFRTS BROADCASTS HAVE NO LEGAL BASIS AND ARE ILLEGAL UNDER TURKISH LAW. WE AVE ALWAYS RECOGNIZED TURKISH SENSITIVITIES REGARDING SUCH OPERATIONS AND

MADE EVERY EFFORT TO AVOID ABUSES AND MAINTAIN LOWEST POSSIBLE
PROFILE, PARTLY BECAUSE WE ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR VERY SHAKY LEGAL
BASIS. BUT WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TODEAL FIRMLY WITH MATTER
IF TURKISH HINTS THAT THEY MAY MOVE TO CLOSE DOWN THESE
OPERATIONS EVENTUATE IN ACTION.
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